

REMARKS

The interview with examiner Reginald Alexander on February 21, 2006 is acknowledged with appreciation. The examiner's interview summary is accurate as to what transpired at the interview.

In the office action claims 34-37 were objected to and indicated as allowable if placed in independent form. Claims 34 and 37 have been amended to be in independent form. Claims 35 and 36 remain dependent from claim 34.

Claims 1, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 16-18, 20-22 and 33 have been amended. New claims 40-43 have been added. As discussed at the interview each of claims 1-24 and 33-43 avoid the prior art of record. None of the relied on prior art has a housing with sides (as recited in claims 1-4), a housing removably attachable to first and second locations on a beverage dispenser (claims 5-17), a beverage dispensing system with apertures in the beverage dispenser and a housing adapted for communication with at least one of the apertures (claims 18-24), a method of using a hot water dispensing apparatus including selectively attaching a housing to a beverage dispenser at one of first and second locations (claims 33, 38 and 39), a hot water dispensing apparatus comprising a housing having first and second means for removably attaching (claims 40-42) or a hot water dispensing apparatus comprising a housing having first and second sides and a cover (claim 43). As discussed at the interview these limitations as recited in their respective claims and in combination with the other limitations in their respective claims avoid the prior art of record.

Claims 25-32 are cancelled without prejudice and with applicant reserving the right to file a continuing application to this subject matter.

In view of the above, it is submitted that all of the claims (Nos. 1-24 and 33-43) are in condition for allowance and such action is, respectfully, requested.

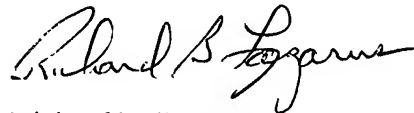
If there is any issue remaining to be resolved, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned so that resolution can be promptly effected.

A check for \$720 for three additional independent claims (\$600) and a one-month extension of time (\$120) is enclosed. Any additional claims fees that are due may be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (27726-94926).

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees, being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 (27726-94926).

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard B. Lazarus", written in a cursive style.

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